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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY BROWN TO MOD LEBER

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY ASYG LABERGE THAT DR. WAHL
HAS DECLINED TO CHAIR THE NATO RATIONALIZATION TASK
FORCE. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRE-
TARY OF DEFENSE BROWN TO MINISTER LEBER: QUOTE. DEAR
GEORG: I AM BECOMING CONCERNED ABOUT NATO INABILITY
TO RECRUIT SUFFICIENTLY OUTSTANDING PROGRAM MANAGERS
FOR THE KEY LONG TERM PROGRAM TASK FORCES. WE
PROVIDED A SENIOR LOGISTICIAN TO HEAD THE LOGISTICS
ONE AND HEARTILY ENDORSED DR. LABERGE'S EFFORT TO
GET DR. WAHL TO HEAD THE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT RATION-
ALIZATION TASK FORCE. WE ARE PARTICULARLY EAGER TO
HAVE SOMEONE OF DR. WAHL'S STATURE AND EXPERIENCE
BECAUSE I HAVE ASKED DR. LABERGE HIMSELF TO RETURN TO
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THE UNITED STATES TO BECOME UNDERSECRETARY OF THE
ARMY--TO ADD EMPHASIS ON NATO TO ARMY PLANNING.
THEREFORE HE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO HEAD THE TASK FORCE
HIMSELF. IT WOULD CERTAINLY DO MUCH TO ENSURE THE
SUCCESS OF NATO'S LONG TERM EXERCISE IF YOU COULD
PREVAIL ON DR. WAHL TO RECONSIDER HIS EARLIER REFUSAL,
OR PUT UP ANOTHER CANDIDATE OF LIKE STATURE. I CONSIDER

IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE FRG CHAIR SUCH A KEY
TASK FORCE. WARMEST PERSONAL WISHES. SIGNED/HAROLD
BROWN UNQUOTE.

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